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forms the subject of the Protocol signed by them on the 17th of October last, to the decision of the President of the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation.

Done at London, the 10th of November, 1868.

(Signed)

STANLEY.
REVERDY JOHNSON.

No. 17.

Lord Stanley to Mr. Thornton.

Sir, *Foreign Office, November 24, 1868.*
WITH reference to my despatch of the 10th instant, I transmit herewith, for your information, three copies of an Additional Article to the Convention which was signed on the above date, for the settlement of all outstanding claims between Great Britain and the United States.

I am, &c.
(Signed) STANLEY.

Inclosure in No. 17.

Additional Article to Claims Convention, November 23, 1868.

WHEREAS by Article I of the Convention between Her Britannic Majesty and the United States of America, signed at London on the 10th day of November, 1868, for the settlement of all outstanding claims, it was agreed that the Commission thereby stipulated to be appointed for the investigation and decision of such claims should meet at London;

And whereas it has since appeared desirable that the place of meeting of the said Commission should be Washington;

The Plenipotentiaries who signed that Convention, having met together, have agreed to substitute Washington for London as the place for the meeting and sitting of the Commission aforesaid. They have further agreed that the Secretary of the Commission shall be appointed by the Representative of Great Britain at Washington and by the Secretary of State of the United States, jointly, instead of in the manner provided by Article XI of the Convention.

The present Additional Article shall have the same force and effect as if it had been inserted, word for word, in the Convention of the 10th of November, 1868. It shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at the same time as those of the Convention.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done at London, the twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

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STANLEY.

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REVERDY JOHNSON.

No. 18.

Lord Stanley to Mr. Thornton.

Sir, *Foreign Office, November 27, 1868.*

I HAVE received your telegraphic despatch of to-day's date, informing me that difficulties have been raised by the Government of the United States in regard to the Claims Convention recently signed by Mr. Reverdy Johnson and myself, and that they are of opinion, in which you concur, that the Convention as it now stands would not be sanctioned by the Senate.

You also mention that the United States' Cabinet are anxious that the Convention should be passed, and have asked you to come home to explain their objections to it, and to endeavour to induce Her Majesty's Government to make modifications in it.

I have this day informed you by telegraph that I see no necessity for your